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In re Application of :  
Grey, et. al : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 09/944,521 :  
Filed: August 31, 2001 :  
Docket No.: 5150-49600 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed September 22, 2006.

The petition is hereby **GRANTED**.

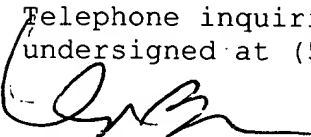
This application became abandoned for failure to timely submit a proper reply to the Notice of Allowance (Notice) mailed July 19, 2005. The Notice set a three month statutory period of time for reply. Notice of Abandonment was mailed November 29, 2005.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(c).

The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely submit a proper reply to the Notice is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

This application will be forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

  
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